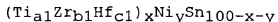
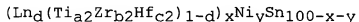


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a thermoelectric material which is represented by the following composition formula (1) or (2) and comprises as a major phase an MgAgAs type crystal structure:



composition formula (1);



composition formula (2);

(wherein a_1 , b_1 , c_1 , x and y satisfy the conditions of: $0 < a_1 < 1$, $0 < b_1 < 1$, $0 < c_1 < 1$, $a_1 + b_1 + c_1 = 1$, $30 \leq x \leq 35$ and $30 \leq y \leq 35$, and Ln is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Y and rare earth elements, and a_2 , b_2 , c_2 and d satisfy the conditions of: $0 \leq a_2 \leq 1$, $0 \leq b_2 \leq 1$, $0 \leq c_2 \leq 1$, $a_2 + b_2 + c_2 = 1$ and $0 < d \leq 0.3$).